

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 7, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 30, and 33 are amended. Claims 5, 8-10, 20, 28 are cancelled. Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner of the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-18 and 23-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In accordance with the foregoing amendments, Applicant has corrected the claims, as suggested by the Examiner, and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17, 19, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by and/or under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Bassen (US 5678550). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant amended claim 1 to include the language of original claim 5. Claim 11 is amended in independent form and includes the language of original claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 10. Claim 12 is amended in independent form and includes the language of original claims 1, 2, and 8. Claim 19 is amended to include the language of original claim 20. Claim 27 is amended to include the language of original claim 28.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to re-present any cancelled, unamended or previously unclaimed subject matter in a subsequently filed continuation application without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully asserts that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

Respectfully submitted,

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